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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: BIOGRAPHIC INFO: PORTUGUESE MILITARY LEADERS

REF: (A) STATE 222721 (B) LISBON 3195 (C) LOURENCO MARQUES 803

1. CONSUL GENERAL HAS NOT HAD OPPORTUNITY TO GET TO KNOW VICE ADMIRAL CRESPO WELL. HOWEVER, FOLLOWING ARE IMPRESSIONS FROM FIRST CALL ON HIM AS HIGH COMMISSIONER (REF C) AND OBSERVATION IN PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

2. PHYSICAL APPEARANCE IS AS DESCRIBED REF B. (WE ARE POUCHING PHOTOS.) CRESPO SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH AND HAD NO DIFFICULTY IN

UNDERSTANDING CONGEN. HE SEEMED TO BE THOROUGHLY AT EASE AND SELF-ASSURED, DESPITE FACT HE HAD ARRIVED RIGHT AFTER LOURENCO MARQUES TROUBLES AND JUST BEFORE FRELIMO GOVERNMENT. HIS MANNER IS VERY LOW KEY BUT HE EXHIBITS A SENSE OF DETERMINATION AND PURPOSE. OPINIONS HERE VARY ON HIS PUBLIC IMPRESSION DURING SPEECHES AND PRESS INTERVIEWS. CHARLES MOHR OF NEW YORK TIMES THOUGHT HE MADE AN EXCELLENT IMPRESSION ON HIS FIRST PRESS CONFERENCE; OTHERS DID NOT. IN ANY EVENT, HE IS NOT A GOOD PUBLIC SPEAKER AND HAS LITTLE POPULAR CHARISMA. HIS SPEECHES AND REMARKS TO PRESS SINCE ASSUMING

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OFFICE OF HIGH COMMISSIONER HAVE BEEN FULL OF CONDEMNATION

OF "FASCISM" AND "REACTIONARIES" AND CONTAINED A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF LEFTIST THOUGH NOT MARXIST JARGON. HE HAS BEEN FULL OF PRAISE FOR FRELIMO AND DENIED THAT ANY OTHER POLITICAL GROUPS HAVE ANY ROLE TO PLAY IN MOZAMBIQUE. HE WASTED NO TIME IN CABLING PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES, PRIME MINISTER GONCALVES AND MFA FOLLOWING ABORTIVE SEPTEMBER 28 UPRISING IN LISBON.

3. OVER-ALL IMPRESSION: FAITHFUL ADHERENT TO MFA BUT NOT LIKELY TO BE NO. 1 MAN IN ANY MOVEMENT. PRAGMATIC, NOT INTELLECTUAL.

4. WE ARE SEEKING DEVELOP INFORMATION ON BRIGADIER OTELO CARVALHO WHO WAS BORN IN MOZAMBIQUE AND KNOWN BY SOME OF OUR CONTACTS HERE.  
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